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Respectfully submitted.

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated September 10, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 40-84 and 108-110 drawn to methods of detecting a condition of a medical container and its contents, claims 86-101 drawn to marked containers, claims 102-105 drawn to machine-readable marking systems, and claim 106 drawn to a non-imaging radiation/detection system.

Applicants hereby elect claims 40-84 and 108-110 drawn to methods of detecting a condition of a medical container and its contents. This election is made with traverse on the basis that, as claims 86-101 are drawn to marked containers classified in class 604, it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine claims 86-101 with claims 40-84 and 108-110 drawn to methods which are also classified in class 604. Accordingly,

reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of claims 40-101 and 108-110 is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction requirement. Accordingly, examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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